

Change

Change

**Not the coins
in your pocket!**

Change

**Not from EST
to EDT!**

Change

**Not from work clothes
to church clothes!**

Change

**Not a baby's used
diaper to a clean one!**

Change

Growing as a Christian to be
more and more like Christ



**This kind of
change is good!**

**We want to change
before it is too late ...**

- 1. We are castaways, or**
- 2. Give account to God.**

**Unless you are perfect,
you need to change,
for God, others, you.**

Change!

Change!

It is an order!

Change!

You can do better!

Change!

**You are missing God's
best for your life!**

Change!

**You are failing God's
grace in your life!**

An Email Yesterday Read ...

“The man I once was years ago, I no longer am – the man that I have become is by the grace and mercy of God, and the man that I will be is according to His work in my life.”

**This man's life may be
summarized by ...**

CHANGE!

**This man's *changes* are
the real proof of
salvation.**

**This man's *changes* are
the goal and purpose
of a true church.**

Change is good!

Change is needed!

Change is easy!

CHANGE

**is what God's grace
is all about!**

**But by the grace of God I am what I am:
and his grace which was bestowed
upon me was not in vain; but I laboured
more abundantly than they all: yet not
I, but the grace of God which was with
me.**

I Corinthians 15:10

**If your marriage is not
a Bible marriage ...**

CHANGE IT!

**You can do all things
through Christ who
gives you strength!**

**You can
change!**

**God saved you
to *change* you
from dysfunction
to happy success!**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II Corinthians 5:17

**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision
availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision,
but a new creature.**

Galatians 6:15

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

II Corinthians 3:18

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:5

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

I Thessalonians 4:1

**1 Wherefore laying aside all malice,
and all guile, and hypocrisies, and
envies, and all evil speakings,**

**2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere
milk of the word, that ye may grow
thereby:**

**3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord
is gracious.**

I Peter 2:1-3

**But grow in grace, and in the
knowledge of our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now
and for ever. Amen.**

II Peter 3:18

**2 And be not conformed to this world:
but be ye transformed by the renewing
of your mind, that ye may prove what is
that good, and acceptable, and perfect,
will of God.**

Romans 12:2

**All of these key N.T.
verses describe ...**

CHANGE!



**Progress
requires
change!**



**Perfection
requires
a lot of it!**


**The email was from a
man without your
advantages!**

Athletes constantly change their workouts.

Bodies adjust to exercise and stop changing.

Athletes cannot be the same as last year.

They want new PRs for their chosen event.



**Hate habits
less than
God's best!**



**The same
old responses
will not work.**

CHANGE!

We Have a Church To:

Change!

Repent!

Grow!

Perfect!

Provoke!

Sharpen!

Polish!

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

I Corinthians 9:24

You cannot be a Christian and complacent.

God's prize and crown take supreme effort.

Habits and routines must change to win.

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

I Corinthians 3:1

You cannot be a Christian and not grow.

Your growth must be in ability and results.

You cannot hide immaturity or maturity.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

Philippians 3:13

Paul was not complacent or content.

He did not care what he had done before.

He kept changing to increase his race pace.

Higher Ground

**was a sermon series
how our church
should *change!***

**Our church has
changed in practice
and emphasis.**

All glory to God!

Parable of Sower

**is to hear the word of
God and to bear fruit,
which means *change*.**

Doers of Word

is to hear preaching ...

see your faults ...

and *change!*

Areas You Can Change

Marriage

Finances

Soul-winning

Reading

Child Training

Television

Speech

Alcohol

Friends

House

Grades

Savings

Giving

Career

Driving

Time

Inputs

Weight

More Areas You Can Change

Moods

Consistency

Initiative

Attitude

Weakness

Productivity

Praise

Pursuit

Priorities

Hospitality

Forgiveness

Love

Service

Relationships

Holiness

Zeal

**Are you better
in these areas YOY?**

**No one is perfect;
there should be
progress.**

**Are you growing as a
Christian to help others
... or just coasting along
... or still being helped?**

**We coined a new
word of “onesies” for
incremental change.**

**What holds you back
from becoming the
best Christian?**

Common Causes of Stagnation

- Diverted from proper goals by preferred projects.
- Contentment with life since not condemned yet.
- Fatalistic escapism that Jesus did it all for you.
- Talking about heaven while dysfunctional on earth.
- Too bitter, lazy, proud, or selfish to change life.
- Shortsighted to miss giving an account to God.
- Excuse your habits by the way you were made.
- Excuse your habits by the way you were raised.
- Caught up in your little routine of your little life.

**Your pastor allocates
his time toward those
that want to change.**

**We should pray for God
to continue perfecting
us ...**

**We should pray for God
to continue perfecting
us ... and then choose
to change our lives
for Him for better!**

For Further Study

- Parable of Sower ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/parable-of-the-sower.pdf>
- Doers of Word ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/doers-of-the-word.pdf>.
- Grow Up! ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/christian-maturity.pdf>.
- Maturity Curve for Men ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/growing-up-maturity-curve.pdf>.
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